

342.352 Voluntary programs for integrated management of employer's worker compensation and group health insurance claims -- Twenty-four hour coverage.

- (1) The executive director may establish one (1) or more programs for interested employers of integrated management of an employer's workers' compensation and group health insurance claims by an insurer authorized to do business in the Commonwealth and may promulgate any administrative regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection. The integrated management of such claims shall in no event affect any benefits, rights, or coverage established pursuant to a workers' compensation insurance policy. Treatment for work-related conditions shall not be subject to either copayments or deductibles. The executive director shall make a report comparing the results of each program to the expected results under traditional workers' compensation insurance and traditional workers' compensation with a managed care program. The program shall serve as a tentative model for future experiments.
- (2) No policy for twenty-four (24) hour coverage shall become effective until it is reviewed and approved by the executive director, in consultation with the executive director of the Office of Insurance.
- (3) The purchase of a twenty-four (24) hour health policy shall not constitute an exemption from statutory provisions which require other nonmedical insurance coverage. However, an insurance carrier shall reduce its premium for insurance coverage written without the medical or health care component. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subtitle 13 of KRS Chapter 304, the premium reduction required in this subsection shall be subject to the approval of the executive director of the Office of Insurance.
- (4) If an employer obtains a twenty-four (24) hour health insurance policy, pursuant to this section, to secure payment of compensation for medical care and treatment under this chapter, the employer shall also procure an insurance policy which shall provide indemnity benefits to ensure that the total coverage afforded by both the twenty-four (24) hour insurance policy and the policy providing indemnity benefits shall provide the total compensation required by this chapter.
- (5) The participants in a project for twenty-four (24) hour health coverage shall comply with periodic reporting requirements of the commission.
- (6) Each agency of state government shall cooperate with the executive director if requested to provide information for the purposes of this section.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (6/20/2005). 2005 Ky. Acts chs. 11, 85, 95, 97, 98, 99, 123, and 181 instruct the Reviser of Statutes to correct statutory references to agencies and officers whose names have been changed in 2005 legislation confirming the reorganization of the executive branch. Such a correction has been made in this section.